



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Tilman HAUG, et al.
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Customer No. : 23911
Title : Process for Producing a Surface Layer

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of prior foreign application No. 100 36 264.8,
filed in Germany on July 26, 2000, is hereby requested and the right of priority
under 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed.

In support of this claim, filed herewith is a certified copy of the original
foreign application.

Respectfully submitted,

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